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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Pursuing quality in the classroom remains a high priority for every student and their teachers. This year we are endeavouring to enable enhanced academic success even more by commencing the unit of work in each subject with the assessment item. This might mean showing students the assignment task sheet or providing sample questions that might be like the questions they receive on the exam. The purpose behind this is so that each student has a clear understanding of not only what they have to produce for the assessment item, but also what content they need to know, how they communicate this, and in what mode it has to be presented. This last point is important to note in that students who are asked to present a laboratory report for example in Science, are taught how to do a laboratory report. Similarly, if they are asked to justify, explain, describe or whatever action they have to do in that assessment, they know what this means and how to do it. Finally, the criteria by which students will be assessed have to be made very clear to students. The best way to do this is by showing students an example of the assignment.

In conclusion it is important for every child to know what they are learning, know how they will be assessed and understand how their work will be assessed in relation to the criteria. As we build our collective understanding of academic processes in schools, we will together build upon and further enhance the academic rigour at Mansfield High School. The desired outcome is, of course, better academic results.

Keep shining!

FIRST NEWSLETTER

Hopefully all of you received the first Newsletter for the year in the mail. With the letter, you would have received a *participation flier*, a refrigerator magnet calendar and a letter from me. Newsletters for the remainder of the year will be emailed to parents if you have registered on our website (<https://mansfieldshs.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/Newsletters/Pages/NewsletterRegistration.aspx>) or they are available on our website. Some parents have requested that a hard copy be sent home. It is not too late to do the latter. Simply complete the slip at the back of this Newsletter and drop it into the Upper Office. Whilst we value our environment and try to reduce the use of paper, we also value effective communication.

HIGH STANDARD OF PRESENTATION

Parents, we sincerely appreciate the effort put into presenting your student/s for this year. One of our school's 'Values and Beliefs' is taking pride in high standards of presentation. You can help your students by ensuring their presentation is correct before they leave home. We would be even more delighted, if you helped enforce the wearing of hats/caps by students. They are to wear them at any times that they are not in an enclosed room. Therefore they should be worn to and from school. Well done parents for encouraging this practice. This is not just a part of our uniform but also very important in caring for our students' health and safety. The hat should be particularly encouraged. The new sports cap may only be used on the sporting field. Congratulations to students for a wonderful start to the school year in this area.

Throughout the year, students' hairstyles are to remain neat and conservative and with only one natural hair colour. If hair is of collar length it must be tied back five centimetres above the nape of the neck. It has been recently agreed that hair may be in a single ponytail, plait or tidy bun.

We are presently trialling students being able to go on to the ovals at lunchtime to pursue non-contact activities and instead of having to get changed fully into a sports uniform, they may just change into their sports joggers. Feedback on this would be appreciated.

YEAR 8 INFORMATION NIGHT/BUSH DANCE

Thank you to the many families who attended this evening. For many parents it was their first experience of having a child at high school. The Year Eights 'bush danced' the night away ably assisted by the Year 12 Prefects and TIP Leaders and teachers, particularly the Physical Education teachers. Thank you to all who helped make the evening an outstanding success.



SUBJECT CHARGES

Students are to take the completed sheet(s) received: Year 8 on Monday 13/2/12; Year 9 on Tuesday 14/2/12; Year 10 on Wednesday 15/2/12; Year 11 on Thursday 16/2/12 and Year 12 on Friday 17/2/12 and return the sheet(s) with money to the Lower Office before school on the date allocated for their year level collection. Year 8 – 20/2/12 or 27/2/12; Year 9 – 21/2/12 or 28/2/12; Year 10 – 22/2/12 or 29/2/12; Year 11 – 23/2/12 or 1/3/12; Year 12 – 24/2/12 or 2/3/12. We appreciate your prompt attention.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Please do not set down, collect or park in any of the restricted zones near the entrances of the school, particularly the Broadwater Road Entrance near the Administration Building and the Ham Road Entrance near the Music Block. Please note that outside the Administration Building is a 'NO STANDING' zone that is frequently patrolled by the police or Council officers and the fines are heavy. Wherever there is a **YELLOW LINE**, vehicles are not to stop. Please **DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS OR SCHOOL DRIVEWAYS** at any time, including the Ham Road entrance to the Music Centre, other than to collect a sick student from the Administration Block or for evening functions. There are many safe areas along Broadwater Road west of Ham Road for drop-off and pick-up. It would be appreciated if you would arrange to collect your student from a designated meeting place some one hundred metres away from the school. Thank you for trying to make our school environment safer. It is so important!

OPEN DAY NO 1.....Tuesday, 6 March 9am-12noon beginning in the Hall

All prospective students and parents are invited to attend our first Open Day for 2012 as listed below. However because of numbers, we encourage only students from **outside the catchment area to attend this time**. You will receive a guided tour of our school as well as an informative talk. Come early and enjoy listening to one of our magnificent Mansfield music ensembles. All relevant enrolment forms and information will be available on the day. Our other **Open Days** are: **Friday 20 April** and **Tuesday 17 July**. Applications for enrolment will only be accepted for:

A. Students **within the catchment area**:

1. after attendance at an Open Day and
2. after presentation of all necessary documentation and
3. after attendance at a scheduled Parent Conference with the Principal.

B. Students **outside the catchment area**:

1. after attendance at an Open Day and
2. after an application package with the accompanying application fee is submitted and
3. after an interview with the Principal.

MESSAGES

Parents/Guardians are requested to phone the school with a message for a student in an **emergency** situation only. This will ensure the efficient running of our school of over 1500 students. Day to day matters such as where to collect students need to be discussed prior to students arriving at the school in the morning. Parents bringing items left at home to school for students such as lunches, forms or sports items, must be a rare occurrence. Messages for students may only be passed on from parents or guardians.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

By now all students will have received a copy of the Semester One Calendar of Events. It should be glued into Page 27 of the *Student Handbook*. Students need to highlight appropriate ASSESSMENT items in one colour and relevant ACTIVITIES in another colour. Students should transfer these items into their *Student Handbooks*. A copy of the Calendar of Events (for Semester One and a DRAFT of Semester Two) will be placed on our website. You may find it useful for your own reference.

EXTERNAL SENIOR EXAMS

Year 12 students wishing to apply to sit External Senior Examinations, particularly in the area of languages other than English, need to see Deputy Principal Ms Clarke this week. Students who sit for these exams will have the results credited towards their OP.

MATHS NEWS

Introduction to High School Maths – Year 8 Parents

Wednesday 29 February 1 - 3pm OR 7 - 9pm

This is the final opportunity Year 8 parents have to register for this very special event. Both sessions are conducted by Mr Peter Broome (Head of Department - Mathematics) and parents/guardians have the choice of either the afternoon or evening session. You do not attend both, unless you would like to. The two sessions give everyone the opportunity to attend the session of your choice. The programme gives parents and guardians an overview of the Year 8 curriculum and allows you to become familiar with the text book, the accompanying DVD and also the QAX programme offered at the school. This knowledge benefits you and your student/s throughout their entire high school years. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity. If you have not returned a form already, please print and complete the tear-off slip at the end of this newsletter and return it to the Upper Office before Thursday.

SCIENCE NEWS

Year 11 Biologists are encouraged to look at the Diamantina Institute website (www.di.uq.edu.au/sparq-ed) for details about the SPARQ-ed Program or the Bonus Rank Point Program. It is a wonderful opportunity!

Students are able to do either program at a range of times. Last year some students did this during work experience week or in holidays. Download and complete the application form and return them to Ms Vander Spoel in Science as soon as possible. The sooner we get your applications in, the more likely we can arrange a session time to suit you.

Talk to Mr Colledge or Miss Kirby who have both completed the same program. Last year seven biologists also completed the program.

SPORT NEWS

Interschool Sport

This week in interschool sport we play Rochedale (boys will travel).

Last week fixtures began with 38 teams and 395 students involved in summer interschool sport.

Swimming Carnival 2012

On Tuesday 7 February, Mansfield High held its swimming carnival. The day was made extremely successful by the impressive efforts of both staff and students. As usual, the fight for the top prize was fierce, with congratulations going to all of the students who participated, as every point counted in the end. The winner at the end of the day was U-Thant, with Hammarskjold coming in second. There were some inspiring individual results also, with the following students taking out the runner-up and overall positions in the age championship competition:

13 years

Boys: 1. Ryan Winters
2. Tyler Bennie

Girls: 1. Alicia Kane
2. Trinity Rhodes

14 years

Boys: 1. Matthew Davis
2. Liam Sherrington

Girls: 1. Cameron Mackie
2. Madeleine Campbell

15 years

Boys: 1. Joe Chen) TIE
1. Jake Ross)

Girls: 1. Delaney Ronan
2. Tahlia Seeto

16 years

Boys: 1. Andrew Booth
2. Mitchell Austin

Girls: 1. Jennifer Spencer) TIE
1. Caitlin Wendt)

17 years

Boys: 1. Juhan Klooster
2. Harrison Rosentreter

Girls: 1. Giselle Nixon
2. Nicole Swanepoel

Congratulations to Joe Chen who broke two long standing records – 100m breaststroke and 50m breaststroke.

Again, congratulations to all competitors and a huge thank you to all the staff and students who made the day run so effortlessly. A fantastic day was had by all!

To experience the colour and excitement of the swimming carnival, please take a look at the photo collage at the end of this newsletter.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWS

Acrobatic Champions

Shani Meadows (12D) and Krystal Hoyer-Smith (9H) (pictured right) are members of an acrobatic trio that recently competed at the National Acrobatic Championships, becoming the National Champions for 12-19 years (international). The girls have been chosen as part of the Australian team and will compete at the world age championships in Orlando, Florida this April. Congratulations girls!



Jump Start Day

While most of our school population battled it out in the pool at Chandler last Tuesday, a small group of our advanced string players had the pleasure of acting as musical mentors to 15 very excited Year 3 students from Mansfield State School. For the young instrumentalists, it was their first official lesson involving real instruments. For our students it was an opportunity to demonstrate what can be achieved with hard work and dedication and to encourage our young neighbours as they begin their musical journey.



Korean Visitors (pictured right)

Last week, Mansfield High School had the pleasure of hosting seven English Language Teachers from Korea. The teachers have been in Australia undertaking a professional development study tour at the University of Queensland. As part of their visit, they spent a week at Mansfield observing the quality teaching and learning in our classrooms, learning about different teaching methodologies across the curriculum range, and improving their English.

Shave for a Cure

Each March, thousands of Australians shave or colour their hair to fund research into and support people living with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma or a related blood disorder. This year, Year 12 students Bridgette Scalisi and Celine Sutton are being brave and shaving. Inspired by Celine's sister, Talisa, and her battle with cancer, the two girls will start their own fundraising campaign at school this week. Their goal is to raise \$3000 by the time they have their heads shaved on 30 November. If you would like to support the girls you can do so at school in the next few weeks or online. To donate online, go to <http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/>, click on the link – *sponsor someone, search for a shaver* and make a donation to the team called *Beauty from Within*.



Canteen (Tuckshop)

Thank you to those people who have already offered to assist in the Canteen this year. Rosalie and Debbie are still looking for a few more volunteers to fill their roster. The canteen is a very busy place so even if you can only commit to a couple of hours, rather than the whole day, your assistance will be appreciated. Just complete the tear-off slip at the end of the newsletter and return it to the UPPER OFFICE. Alternatively you can call Rosalie or Debbie on 3452 5323 to discuss your availability. Canteen duty is not just for Mums - Dads and Grandparents are most welcome!

P & C Membership 2012

This is a reminder to all 2011 P & C members that memberships lapse at the end of each year and must be renewed at each Annual General Meeting. We would like to offer all of our parents/guardians the opportunity to become members of the P & C by simply completing the tear-off slip at the end of this newsletter and returning it to the UPPER OFFICE before 23 FEBRUARY. All memberships received before the start of the AGM on 23 February will automatically be accepted at the meeting. You are not required to attend P & C meetings, although you are most welcome to do so. Membership gives you the opportunity to vote should you wish to. We encourage all families to join the P & C.

P & C Annual General Meeting

Thursday 23 February, 7.30pm Administration Block Common Room

Everyone is invited to attend the AGM of the P & C, which will be followed immediately by the first monthly meeting for 2012.

Reading Group

Tuesday 14 February 3.15pm – Resource Centre (Library)

Did you know that in Australia 2012 is the National Year of Reading?

If you love to read why not join us at the first meeting for 2012 to celebrate the launch of the National Year of Reading. The Reading Group, comprising of parent/guardians, students and staff, meets once per term to read, discuss and evaluate new fiction material for our students. We would love to have a few more adults join this group. Parents, teachers and friends wishing to participate should call School Community Liaison Officer Sue Holley on 3452 5337 to register your interest.

Queensland Youth Parliament 2012

Applications for the 2012 YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament are now open. An apolitical state-wide program, the YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament gives young people between the ages of 15 - 25 years the opportunity to discuss the issues that youth really care about and let Parliament know that young people can make a difference. Further information and nomination forms can be found at www.ymcagqp.org or see Mrs Holley in F10.

ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL

Clean Up Australia Day on Friday 02 March

Clean Up Mansfield!

Clean Up Australia Day is just a fortnight away! Every year Australia wide, thousands of Australians get stuck in and clean up their local environment by collecting and removing rubbish. *Clean Up Australia* inspires and works with people to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. In 2011 an estimated 565 510 volunteers cleaned up 16 454 tonnes of waste at 7 479 sites right across Australia, including Mansfield State High School. We recycled and picked up rubbish, laughed and had fun while saving the world. This year, we are aiming to pick up more waste, and recycle more than we did last year. If every person in the school picks up one piece of rubbish we can make a really big improvement to our school environment.

On Mansfield High's *Clean Up Australia Day*, representatives of the Environmental Council will be coming around the school with rubbish pickers and plastic bags. Anyone who wishes to join us doing fabulous things for the environment is welcome and encouraged to do so. We hope at the end of the day we can celebrate the successes of our clean school together.

By Cara Scarpato, member of the Environmental Council



Mobile Muster

Do you have a draw full of old mobile phones that you just don't know what to do with? Why not let the Environmental Council help you dispose of them? Just put them in a bag along with the accessories and deposit the bag in the collection box in the Library. This is such an easy way to help our environment and the old phones and accessories can be recycled and reused.

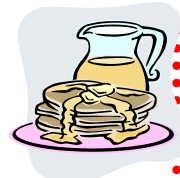
Coming soon...

Save the Koala fundraiser in support of 'Guppy' our foster koala.



RAUCHLE SERVICE CLUB

All students from Year 8 through to Year 12 are welcome to join the Rauchle Service Club and assist us in our endeavours to help others less fortunate than ourselves. All money raised goes to organisations outside of our school.



PANCAKE DAY, TUESDAY 13 MARCH LUNCHTIME AT THE HALL

This will be the Rauchle Service Club's first fund-raising event for 2012 and it is always very popular. Pancakes will be home made and cooked on the barbeque. The ice cream is delicious.

Prices: Pancake with syrup \$2; pancake with syrup & ice cream \$2.50; cold drinks \$1.50; meal deal with the lot \$3.50.

Smith Family Reader2Reader Programme

Once again students in Years 9 and 10 are invited to take part in this very special mentoring programme. The Smith Family *Reader2Reader* Programme requires participating high school students to mentor primary students and assist them to develop their reading skills. Books for the participants and their mentors are provided by the Smith Family. Our students are expected to telephone (land line only) their young readers once or twice a week and listen to them read for 20 minutes. The programme operates during terms 2 and 3 and is very rewarding for both participants and mentors. Any students interested in learning more should see Mrs Holley in F10 during breaks.

Pauls 'Collect-a-Cap' Promotion

Please keep those milk caps coming in. Each cap is worth 10 cents to the student groups that receive the profits. Caps can be left in the collection box in the lower office or can be given to Mrs Holley in F10. The Environmental Council, Rauchle Service Club and Student Council thank you for your support.



COMMUNITY NEWS...Have your say – Queensland Education Trust community forum

Parents and carers are invited to have their say on how the next generation of Queenslanders can benefit from the state's resources boom. The State Government has launched a proposal paper, *From Mines to Minds: A Queensland Education Trust*, to establish a multi-billion dollar Queensland Education Trust using 50 per cent of royalties from Liquefied Natural Gas projects to provide more education and training opportunities for our children and young people. Ideas being considered include:

- Establishing Individual Trust Accounts for Education – every child born on or after 1 July 2012 would have a nest egg valued between \$7800 and \$9500 when they turn 18; or
- Establishing a Dedicated Education Fund – an investment fund where the proceeds would be reinvested by government in education and training initiatives beyond the basics throughout the schooling years and potentially beyond.

You are invited to attend a community forum to have your say on the proposed Queensland Education Trust. The community forum will be held at:

Location: Mount Gravatt State High School, Loreburn Street, Mount Gravatt
Date / Time: Wednesday 8 February 6:30pm – 8.00pm

To learn more and RSVP for the community forum visit the Queensland Government website at www.educationtrust.qld.gov.au

CANTEEN ROSTER

Monday 13 FEBRUARY	Tuesday 14 FEBRUARY	Wednesday 15 FEBRUARY	Thursday 16 FEBRUARY	Friday 17 FEBRUARY
Lisa Nicholson Leanne Look	Coralie Lowe Kelly Hudson	Sharene Rapisardi	Maria Roethlisberger	Marianne Bucher
Monday 20 FEBRUARY	Tuesday 21 FEBRUARY	Wednesday 22 FEBRUARY	Thursday 23 FEBRUARY	Friday 24 FEBRUARY
Shirley Christie	Karen Oliver	Liesl Hales	Belinda Measures	Suzanne Edgeworth
Monday 27 FEBRUARY	Tuesday 28 FEBRUARY	Wednesday 29 FEBRUARY		
	Ivy Jones Lisa Tippet			

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday 14 February	Newsletter available on website/hard copy Distribution of Year 9 charges Reading Group 3.15pm
Wednesday 15 February	Distribution of Year 10 charges South District Summer Sport Round 2 / MAP
Thursday 16 February	Distribution of Year 11 charges Student Councillors finalised Prefect Meeting 1.10pm
Friday 17 February	Distribution of Year 12 charges
Monday 20 February	Collection of Year 8 charges
Tuesday 21 February	Collection of Year 9 charges
Wednesday 22 February	Collection of Year 10 charges South District Summer Sport Round 3 / MAP
Thursday 23 February	Collection of Year 11 charges Prefect Meeting 1.10pm P&C Meeting 7.30pm in Administration Building
Friday 24 February	Collection of Year 12 charges
Monday 27 February	Collection of Year 8 charges



Principal

PLEASE NOTE THAT MANSFIELD STATE HIGH SCHOOL PREFERS PAYMENTS MADE BY INTERNET BANKING OR EFTPOS TRANSACTIONS TO HELP MINIMISE FEES CHARGED BY THE BANK WHEN PROCESSING CHEQUES AND CASH.

Paying By Internet Banking - Direct Payment Into School Bank Account

- School's Bank Account Name: Mansfield State High School General A/C
- BSB Number: 064 118 CBA Branch Mount Gravatt
- Account Number: 00090257
- Reference/Details: Please record "**Student Surname, Year Level AND Activity**" in the reference/details section so that your payment can be recorded correctly.

NOTE: If no activity is supplied, payments will be applied to the oldest debt for that Family/Customer ID.



MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL – CANTEEN ROSTER 2012

(Please return this completed slip to the Upper Office.)



I / We would like to assist the Canteen by helping one day a month.

Name:

Student's Name and Form:

Phone No. and Address:

Please circle preferred day below:

1 st Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month	2 nd Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month
3 rd Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month	4 th Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday of the month

Please indicate other options:

Thank you for your assistance.

INTRODUCTION TO HIGH SCHOOL MATHS – YEAR 8 MATHS CURRICULUM

On WEDNESDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 2012

(Please return this completed slip to the Upper Office.)



Parent's Name: Phone:

Student's Name..... Student's Form Class:

Time Preferred: (Please indicate) ☐ Wednesday 1 - 3pm **OR** ☐ Wednesday 7 - 9pm

Parent's Signature: _____



MANSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

2012 REGISTER OF MEMBERS

(Please return this completed slip to the Upper Office.)



I/We _____
(Print Full Name/s)

wish to be included in the Register of Members of the Mansfield State High School Parents & Citizens' Association.

Address _____

_____ Tel No _____

Student's Name _____ Form class _____

Parent's/Parents' Signature/s _____ Date _____



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REQUEST FOR HARD COPY OF NEWSLETTER



Please return this slip to the Upper Office by Thursday 9 February 2012,
if you still wish to **receive a hard copy of our Newsletter** from our school on a fortnightly basis.
Most parents will choose to access our fortnightly Newsletter
via our website or after having received an email from the school.

Student's Name: Form Class:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

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